



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: January 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair
John Kluge
Molly Lee Vice-Chair (Zoom)
Betsy Matos
Sherrie Pleis
Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio) (Zoom)
*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Matthew Cory, Environmental Specialist (Zoom), Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Heather Bombei, Les White, Mark Pleis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kluge, Second by Pleis, to approve agenda. (MCU)

3. PUBLIC FORUM: None

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Election of Officers For 2022 Calendar Year

Motion by Kluge, Second by Pleis for Paschen to remain Chair and Lee remain Vice Chair. (MCU)

COVID-19 Recommendation To Schools And New Isolation Guidelines

Paschen stated that over the past 10 days there have been a lot of changes with guidelines and many people do not understand the revised day 6-10 isolation guidelines. Paschen felt clarifying that it applies to schools and that it means that if on day 5 if an individual has not had a fever for 24 hours and starting to feel better, can come out of isolation for day 6-10, but must wear a mask when around people.

Discussion took place about this meaning that children in school could not eat lunch with others or participate in gym without a mask. Paschen would like the Board of Health to make a statement that they understand the isolation guidelines cause confusion, but the guidelines do include K-12 schools and emphasize that day 6-10



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a mask would need to be worn at all times while around other people. Pleis asked if this is for anyone in a household testing positive or just the child. Paschen stated it is for the child testing positive. Pleis asked for clarification on what is considered day one. Paschen stated it is based on when symptoms first begin, or if asymptomatic it is the day the test was taken, not when results were received. Pleis worries about issues that could be created by isolating kids alone. Paschen feels it is best to make a statement that if a mask cannot be used that the child should continue to isolate at home. Matos asked how many schools are still requiring masks. Les White stated that she believes Ames is the only school requiring masks. Lee feels it is important to be consistent with the CDC recommendations and feels bullying is a reasonable concern if it will be obvious that a child is masking and having to isolate alone. She does feel it is appropriate to urge schools to follow the CDC guidelines.

Motion by Matos, Second by Kluge (MCU)

The Story County Board of Health strongly encourages the Story County school systems to follow the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) isolation guidelines for students and employees who have COVID-19. This includes that if a student or employee comes back to school at day 6 as outlined by the CDC, that the school should make sure a mask is worn at all times when around other people from day 6-10 and if that is not possible then the student or employee should complete isolation at home.

Matos asked about further recommendation for disinfecting.

Heddens felt that language could be placed into the statement that mentioned reasonable measurers.

Paschen disagreed and the statement was unchanged.

Stephanie Jones will send out the information to the school superintendents by email and regular mail.

7. COMMENTS:

Staff: None

Board: Lee thanked the health system for all they are doing. Kluge asked about testing availability. White stated that public health offers Test Iowa kits, and have been handing out 40-70 tests per day. Discussion took place that it is now taking longer to receive test results back.

ADJOURNMENT 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Title and Date